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Supervisor Rutherford Hosts Christmas Open House

RANCHO CUCAMONGA – Residents are invited to join newly elected San Bernardino County Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford and her staff members Wednesday evening for a Christmas gathering and donation drive for the troops at her district office in the City of Rancho Cucamonga.

"I'm eager to meet with my new constituents so I can listen to their concerns and any questions they might have about the county," Rutherford said. "This open house is also a great opportunity to celebrate the glorious season of Christmas with old and new friends."

The open house will be held 5 to 7 p.m. on Dec. 15 at 8575 Haven Ave. Suite 110. Residents are encouraged to bring gift cards and/or pre-paid phone cards that can be provided to local families of United States military members serving in Iraq and Afghanistan through the County Department of Veterans Affairs.

"I'm very excited about working with Veterans Affairs to support our brave troops and their families," Rutherford said. "It's always difficult for military service members to be away from their families, and it's even more difficult at Christmastime. But we can make the season a little brighter and a little less stressful for them by ensuring that their families here have the resources they need to have a merry Christmas."

Residents are also invited to visit State Senator Bob Dutton's district office between 3 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday. The office is located nearby at 8577 Haven Ave., Suite 210. Senator Dutton's office will collect comfort items that can be sent to troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan through the Crestline-based nonprofit organization called Touch of Home Support 4R Deployed Military.

Contact the Department of Veterans Affairs at (909) 387-5524 for more information about the effort to support military families in San Bernardino County, or contact Touch of Home at (909) 338-0876 for information about items needed for care packages, such as socks, playing cards, magazines, books, shampoo and toothbrushes.

Second District Supervisor Rutherford represents the cities of Fontana, Rancho Cucamonga and Upland as well as the unincorporated communities of Crestline, San Antonio Heights, Lytle Creek, Devore, and Mt. Baldy.